

GOD WILL FINISH HIS WORK
PHIL. 1:6-8

Introduction:

A. Paul commends these people for their faithfulness.

1. vs. 3,4, & 5.
2. God had begun a good work in them. v6

B. Paul believes that God will keep using them and bring His work to completion.

1. It is God's work, not theirs.
2. If it is our work, it is our responsibility.
3. If it is God's work, it is His responsibility.

I. WHAT IS THIS GOOD WORK GOD HAS BEGUN?

A. It is the work of verse five.

1. "fellowship in the gospel."
2. fellowship = "participation, either giving or receiving."
3. They were supporting in every way.
 - a. Preachers.
 - b. Preaching.
4. The reason for our existence. Matt. 28:18-20.

B. Does this involve personal salvation?

1. I certainly think so.
2. He is the Author and Finisher of our faith.
3. God will bring His work to completion.
 - a. The nation of Israel, an example.

C. What about security of the believer?

1. I believe in it!
2. I also believe in the insecurity of the unbeliever!

II. PAUL HAD CONFIDENCE IN GOD.

A. "being confident of this very thing."

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1. confident = "to be of good cheer, to have full hope.
2. We can have hope in what God guarantees.

B. "Will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

1. Perform = to bring about complete.
2. [] upon
3. [] to completely and thoroughly finish.
4. This is God's way of completing a project.

III. PAUL HAD CONFIDENCE IN THE PEOPLE. V7

A. "Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all."

1. "And I am Justified in having this confidence in you
2. "I have a right to think this of you."

B. What had they done to instill this confidence?

1. They had stuck with Paul through good and bad times.
 - a. "when I have been in chains."
 - b. "and also when I have been free to defend and vindicate the gospel."
 - c. "we have shared together the blessings of the gospel."

IV. PAUL LONGED TO BE WITH THESE PEOPLE. V8

A. "For God is my recore (witness), how I never stop yearning for all of you, with the affection of Christ Jesus himself."

1. Such longing is understandable.